

LMG SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Band Council Chambers
November 20, 2015
9:00am

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Community Safety & Wellness – Dr. Cathy Martin
4. OIC – Appointment of Auditors: Allen, Paquet & Arsenau LLP
5. OIC – Baie de Chaleurs Railway Claim – Fred Isaac
6. MM – discussion
7. Liberal Visit – Rene Massè
8. Adjournment

1. Meeting is called to order by Chief Martin at 9:06am

Roll Call

LMG COUNCIL ATTENDEES:

C. Annette Barnaby
C. Brian Caplin Jr.
C. Chris Wysote
C. Donna Metallic
C. Gordon Isaac Jr.
C. Kevin Methot – 11:32am
C. Patty Martin
C. Serge Gray
C. Sheila Swasson
C. Wendell Metallic

Absent:

C. Derek Barnaby
C. Wanda Metallic

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Chief advises council that this is a special meeting and we will not be adding any items to the agenda

A motion was presented to accept the agenda

Motion: Serge Gray
Second: Chris Wysote
Passed: Passed

3. Listuguj Community Safety & Wellness Plan – Dr. Cathy Martin

Cathy gives a brief background on the work done so far on the Listuguj Community Safety & Wellness Plan. Initiative began in January 2012 under the Listuguj Restorative Justice Program. Chief and Council considered safety in Listuguj to be a high priority and were dedicated to working with service providers to ensure collaboration was conducted to reduce crime and disorder in Listuguj as well as establish safety and wellness.

The key priorities are alcohol and prescription drugs; an OIC- 2081 was drafted and signed where Chief and Council have declared as a priority for the community to prohibit the use of intoxicants and drugs at community sponsored events.

The Community Safety and Wellness Strategy committee prepared a Safety Toolkit to determine and help address concerns that have a direct impact on the safety and wellness of Listuguj'ewaj. Funding for the tool kit was provided by the Aboriginal Corrections Policy Unit of Corrections Canada.

Objectives of the Safety & Wellness Strategy

In order to identify the root causes and issues which contribute to the community members' concerns about their safety. To develop recommendations and clear action plans to strengthen overall community safety using a partnership based approach. We have approached many of the store owners to identify some problems they had with safety issues. The major issues are stealing, break & enter vandalism and drug dealing.

Mary Bradstreet – community members are not feeling safe and feel the police are not doing enough.

C. Donna – we have a collective role in our community everyone's responsibility. Lack of police leadership with the shooting in September the police were exhausted they were expected to work a lot of hours. We need to understand the stem roots of the crimes maybe they did it for pleasure or desperate because they are on social assistance. More needs to be done I like to see more action. If we don't take action it's just a piece of paper to me I want to see at the end of this is action. Who chose the committee there always the same people I would like to see a X-criminal who has changed his/her ways we don't have their input.

C. Sheila – we can add more to the tool kit other resources. The crime rate is never going to go down to zero.

C. Wendell - The problem is alcohol and prescription drugs we should have more raids

CSM – raids they plan to raid then the community members are tipped off

C. Patty – there is no consequences for wrong doings people claim they want rules but no one wants to stand up to make the change. We discuss stuff and then walk away if we really support this who's on board.

CSM – at the end of the day it's the crown that decides if it goes to court

C. Serge – C&C should agree to random drug testing

Cathy – I have seen employees of the band addicted to drugs the drug testing should start with C&C then the directors later will be staff

C. Chris – who will be starting the neighbourhood watch

C. Donna – we need an action plan it should be delegated to each directorate

4. OIC – Appointment of Auditors – Allen, Paquet & Arseneau LLP

Council discuss the request of the auditors wanting a three year contract

C. Sheila – why are they asking for three years

C. Serge – is it at the same price

CSM – it's unfortunate that John couldn't be here to discuss this further

A motion was presented to table this OIC until John Alexander can brief council

Moved: Chris Wysote

Second: Gordon Isaac Jr.

Passed: Passed

5. OIC – Baie des Chaleurs Railway Claim – Fred Isaac

Fred Isaac discussed with council that historically & legally the railway is on our land; it was treated as a sale we did not surrender our land it was expropriated. We have two claims against AANDC or we can go after CN or the privately owned company will be liable for damages.

C. Sheila – when we blocked the highway/railroad they threatened us with a law suit

C. Wendell – they can't tell us what we can do on our own land

CSM - It was a safety issue they just stopped the train from coming through. Last December we negotiated with the Minister of Public Security we had the excavator parked at Wysote's waiting to block the bridge/highways if they did not comply.

A motion was presented to sign the OIC – Baie des Chaleurs Railway Claim

Moved: Serge Gray

Second: Donna Metallic

Passed: Passed

6. MM meeting – discussion

Chief discussed with council what had occurred at the last MM meeting held in Gesgapegiag November 2, 2015; where all council did not attend the meeting or were hours late having the Elders wait. Chief then asked council if they want to keep it this way with all council or go back to the way it was before with just Chief and two councillors. Council agreed to have Chief and two councillors also recommend they have the Tri Council meeting once a year.

C. Chris – it should be mandatory to attend the meetings

C. Sheila – they kept changing the dates

C. Patty – if it's about Revenue sharing all council should be there

CSM – the three Chiefs discussed revenue sharing and the other two communities Gesgapegiag and Gespeg want to go with 1/3 for each community.

I explained to them it should be per capita due to the population in each community if push comes to shove we can have a referendum.

Also they need someone to sit on the fisheries table, Executive Finance Committee and MMBC needs another member to accompany Derek Barnaby.

C. Serge – Fisheries Table

C. Chris Wysote – Executive Finance Committee

Fred Isaac – MMBC board member

Council discussed the honorariums they receive at the MMBC. It is \$2500.00 per month even if you don't attend the meeting.

C. Donna – Derek should be reporting back to us about his honorarium and where all the money is going he needs to abide by the OIC/minutes he needs to be accountable to Council. And to give us an update on the MMBC.

7. Liberal visit – Rene Massé

Rene thanks Chief & council for their support in the federal election held on October 19, 2015.

Rene spoke about the new government also; they will be having an informal meeting until they resume parliament on November 3, 2015.

Rene asks council what our priorities are and how they can help bring them to the table.

Launching a public inquiry – Missing and Murdered Indigenous women

- Bill 45
- Bill C51
- Taxation issues
- Public Security – lack of funding and training dollars

Rene – we can organize a meeting

C. Patty – it's a good thing on your part; we're happy that you came back to meet with us after the election we are not used to this. We will have a list of priorities we will invite you back again.

8. Adjournment

A motion was presented to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 am

Motion: Chris Wysote

Second: Brian Caplin

Passed: Passed